



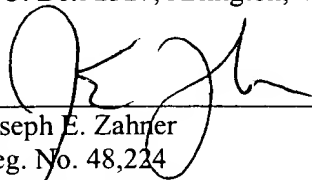
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This paper is submitted in response to the office action of paper number 13, which was mailed on September 13, 2001, and is intended to be responsive to each and every issue that was raised in that action. Exhibit B, which presents an alignment of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, and SEQ ID NO:3 according to the algorithm presented in the specification at page 15, lines 5-24, is herewith submitted. An Information Disclosure Statement and the published manuscript of Enokido *et al.* is herewith submitted.